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Senior Citizen Guide to Amtrak Travel in Illinois

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Ask about Special Excursion, Family, Group, Senior Citizen, and Handicapped Fares

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Amtrak is the way to travel!

Whether sightseeing, visiting family, or whatever the reason - Amtrak is the way to go.

The special senior citizen, family, excursion, and All Aboard America fares make traveling on Amtrak very economical.

A really fun way to travel is to get a group together for a trip on Amtrak. There are many exciting things to do and see in Illinois, both in Chicago and downstate. As a bonus, you get one free ticket for every 15 group-rate tickets purchased.

In Illinois, you have access to one of the nation's most extensive networks of rail passenger service. Amtrak trains connect more than 30 cities within the state. Also, in Chicago you can catch a train to the east or west coast, New Orleans, and even Canada.

Just come aboard, sit back, and relax. The seats are very comfortable, with plenty of leg room. Food and beverage service is available on every Illinois train.

For more information about fares and schedules, call your travel agent or call Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL. They can provide you with brochures about tour packages and special hotel rates when you travel Amtrak.

Senior Citizen Fares

Senior citizens who are at least 65 years of age and present appropriate identification are entitled to 25% off regular coach fares. There is no discount on club car seats or sleeping accommodations.

Senior citizen discount fares are not valid for travel on certain blackout days. Call Amtrak or your travel agent for further information.

Information and Ticket Sales

The following Amtrak stations have agents on hand to answer questions and sell tickets.

Station	Telephone
Alton	618/462-1879
Bloomington	309/828-2511
Carbondale	618/457-3388
Centralia	618/533-2955
Champaign	217/352-5905
Chicago Union Station	312/558-1075
Chillicothe	309/274-4391
Galesburg	309/342-8993
Glenview	312/724-2530
Homewood	312/957-0850
Joliet	815/727-9279
Kankakee	815/937-4048
Macomb	309/833-5531
Mattoon	217/235-3220
Naperville	312/357-9114
Rantoul	217/892-8000
Springfield	217/753-2013
St. Louis, MO	314/231-0061

For unmanned stations, please call Amtrak toll free at 1-800-USA-RAIL. Also, your local travel agent can be of great help.

Illinois Tourism Information

For more information about the outstanding variety of things to see and do in Illinois, contact:

Illinois Office of Tourism
Suite 108
310 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60604
312/793-2094

For Special Assistance

Amtrak encourages senior citizens, the handicapped, and other passengers desiring special assistance in stations or on board trains to call the toll-free reservation number at least 24 hours in advance of travel. Whether it's assistance with baggage, with a wheelchair, boarding a train, or special food service, Amtrak personnel will be better able to help when they have advance notice of travel plans. Please be aware that special assistance is not available at all stations.

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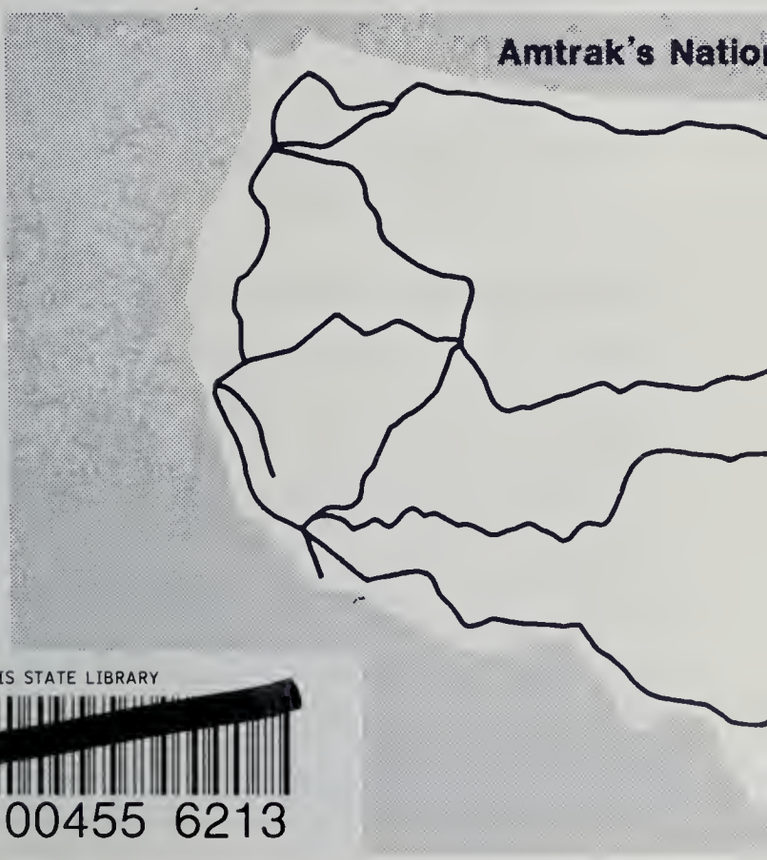
Checked Baggage

At stations and on trains with baggage checking facilities, fare-paying passengers may check up to three pieces not exceeding 75 lbs. each or 150 lbs. total weight. Baggage in excess of the free allowance is subject to surcharge. Please arrive early, because baggage checked less than 30 minutes prior to departure may be delayed.

Assistance with baggage is provided free of charge by Red Cap attendants at most major stations. All baggage handled by Red Caps is protected by the passenger's receipt. Amtrak recommends that passengers not accept assistance from anyone other than a uniformed Red Cap attendant. At smaller stations, conductors and trainmen are always happy to assist you.

Checked baggage service is available at the following Illinois stations, but not on all trains that serve these stations. Please call ahead for further information.

Alton
Bloomington
Carbondale
Centralia
Champaign
Chicago Union Station
Chillicothe
Joliet
Kankakee
Mattoon
Springfield
St. Louis, MO



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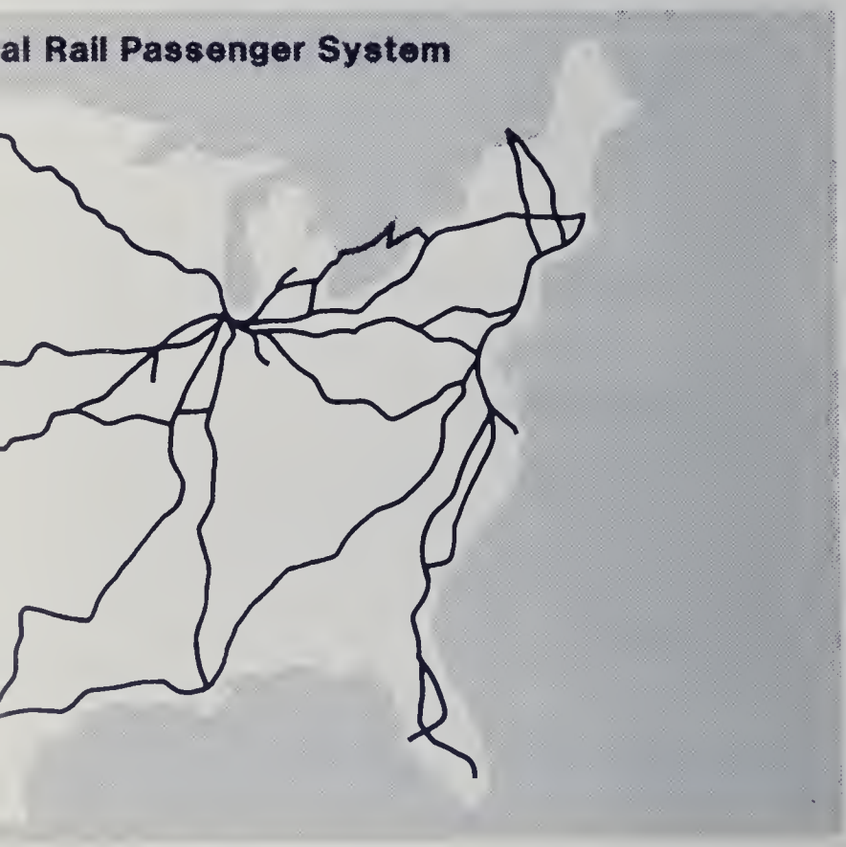
Smoking

Smoking is permitted in sleeping cars, designated coaches and sections of coaches and club cars. Smoking is not permitted in dining, cafe, and portions of lounge cars. Pipes and cigars are prohibited except in private sleeping accommodations and restrooms.

Other Services to Seniors

If you have any questions about general programs and services for senior citizens, call the Illinois Department on Aging toll free at 1-800-252-8966 (voice and TDD).